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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: US/SOVIET CONTACTS IN AFRICA

REF: MOSCOW 11795 AND PREVIOUS

1. LATTER PART NOVEMBER AGREEABLE FOR VISIT MOSCOW US AFRICA EXPERTS.
2. PROPOSED US DELEGATION WOULD CONSIST OF FORMER AMBASSADOR TO TOGO, WILLIAM WITMAN II (WHO CURRENTLY ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY IN AF). HE WOULD BE ACCOMPANIED BY GEORGE KENNEY, DIRECTOR AF ECONOMIC POLICY STAFF.
3. AMB WITMAN WILL BE ATTENDING AF CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCES IN AFRICA NOV. 7-16, AND COULD ARRANGE ARRIVE MOSCOW SOME TIME DURING WEEK NOVEMBER 18, DEPENDING ON TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS TO BE WORKED OUT.
4. SUGGEST 4-5 DAY VISIT, WITH ACTUAL CONSULTATIONS TO CONSIST OF ABOUT THREE ONE-HALF DAY SESSIONS, SPREAD OUT OVER PERIOD OF STAY AS CONVENIENT.

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5. AGREE NO FORMAL AGENDA NECESSARY, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE

EMBASSY'S BEST ESTIMATE AS TO AREAS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST
SOVIETS.

6. SINCE DRAFTING FOREGOING, MOSCOW 12060 RECEIVED.
APPRECIATE YOUR PUTTING THESE SUGGESTIONS TO SOVIETS
FOR THEIR REACTION. RUSH

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